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Welcome back!

The first summer session of 2010 starts today. Don't forget to get your textbooks!

KUT debuts cafe

Ed Miller and Brian McNeill play the first show at the now KUT-run Cactus Cafe. Show starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

Shall we dance?

Free weekly Latin and ballroom dance lessons begin at the ABC Ballroom Dance Club.

First Thursday

An Austin tradition. Head to South Congress for vendors, food, bats and more.

Cook at Stubb's

Austin artist Amy Cook takes the stage at Stubb's BBQ tonight at 9. Tickets cost \$10.

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In 1916

The U.S. Congress established the Reserve Officer Training Corps, or ROTC.

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"I felt very comfortable in Utopia, and in some ways more comfortable than in my life in New York. It's probably no surprise that I now live in Texas. I think there is something about the personality of Texas that is authentic and unique."

— Karen Valby  
Journalist

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## Latest system layoffs cut 19 jobs

Positions made redundant as organization attempts to restructure under pressure of budget constraints

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

The UT System announced Wednesday afternoon that 19 people will be laid off as part of a realignment plan, driven in part by

looming budget cuts.

The layoffs will all come from the system's administrative office in downtown Austin and will be concentrated in the Office of Administration and Research and

Technology Transfer.

"We've lost great talent, wonderful people and great ideas," said Randa Safady, vice chancellor of external affairs for the system. She pointed out that three positions were also being created in the reorganization.

Safady said the purpose of the realignment was to increase efficiency

in the organization as part of an effort to encourage "creative renewal and continued improvement."

In January, Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Texas House Speaker Joe Straus requested that state agencies reduce their expenditures by 5 to 8 percent because of looming state budget deficits. Perry made another request

on May 28 to have state agencies cut their budgets by an additional 10 percent.

Safady said the budget cuts played a role in the planning and implementation of the system's realignment plan.

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## WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

College of Liberal Arts graduates hold their horns high as they sing "The Eyes of Texas" at the conclusion of their commencement ceremony. The ceremony was held May 21 at the Frank Erwin Center.

## Student regent takes on 'balancing act'

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

Kyle Kalkwarf's term as the fifth student regent began Tuesday as he prepared for the responsibility of mediating communication between students and the UT System Board of Regents.

Kalkwarf, a third-year medical student at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, spoke with The Daily Texan about his background, his new responsibilities and his priorities for the position. Kalkwarf was born Sept. 12, 1978, in Lincoln, Neb. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, he was deployed to Iraq. Later, when he was stationed at Fort Hood, he became the aide to the commanding general, and he became a test officer later when he was deployed to Kuwait. His student regent term

ends May 31, 2011.

**The Daily Texan: What are your duties as student regent?**

**Kyle Kalkwarf:** Your duties aren't written out. My primary duty is to act as a liaison or a communicator between students and the Board of Regents. At the university level, there's a pretty easy association between student government, student body president and the president of the university. But [before the creation of the student regent position] there wasn't really any relationship beyond that level for a student. Part of the job is to go to the schools, meet with all the students and make yourself available to them. Then you bring that information back to the regents as it's appropriate.

**DT: In your application for the student regent position, you identified your three main**

**priorities. One was identifying, recruiting and retaining top faculty members. Do you have a certain criteria for "top faculty members"?**

**KK:** When I was an undergraduate, we had small classes. Then I went away for five years, went back to the classroom, and I was sitting in a large lecture hall. That's one way to do it. I thought, "OK, it's the same thing and it's kind of boring." Then, in my sophomore year, we had some really cardiac instructors. They were



Kyle Kalkwarf  
Student Regent

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## Gov. Perry issues order requesting budget slash

University administration has yet to discuss impact of state-mandated cuts

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

There has been no discussion yet within the administration about how the cuts would affect the University, UT officials stated Tuesday, four days after Gov. Rick Perry's office announced that all state agencies must cut their budgets by another 10 percent for the 2012-2013 biennial budget.

Before the next legislative session, every Texas state agency — including UT — must now submit a Legislative Appropriations Request that includes a specific plan for a 10-percent reduction in spending to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board between Aug. 2 and Aug. 30. The whole plan will be submitted to the governor's office in two versions outlining 5-percent reductions.

"This request for 10-percent reduction proposals for the next biennium builds on our ongoing call on state agencies to tighten their belts so Texas can continue our commitment to keep taxes low, attract businesses and create jobs as we continue to lead the way out of the national economic downturn," Gov. Rick Perry said in a May 28 press release.

On May 10, the UT administration announced a University-wide \$14.6 million budget reduction that predominantly affected administrative offices. Each academic college within UT had a 0.2-percent reduction, which means that while the sum of the academic colleges' reductions amounted to \$1 million, administrative offices were cut by larger percentages. More specifically, UT cut a total of \$12 million from administrative offices.

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## TerraBurger closes Drag location in search of better business venue

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

Managers of the original TerraBurger location on the Drag are looking to relocate to a site more accommodating to the high cost of their organic foods.

"We had a great time. It was basically our pilot store to see how people would accept TerraBurger, but when it comes right down to it, the location just wasn't good for us," said Michael Ludlow, general manager of the TerraBurger location on Research Boulevard. "College students will more than likely pay for a \$2 burger before they pay for a \$5 burger. We're currently looking at other locations to relocate to."

The TerraBurger on the Drag, which officially ended operations Monday, had served Austinites and UT students since February 2009. Its organic menu boasts items such as veggie burgers, organic ice

cream and breakfast tacos made with organic, free-range eggs. The hamburgers themselves are made with 100-percent USDA organic beef.

A quarter-pound TerraBurger has 435 calories and 22 grams of fat, compared to a Whataburger's 620 calories and 30 grams of fat.

A Whataburger recently opened at the former Taco Bell location on Guadalupe Street, not far from TerraBurger. But one local food owner said he didn't think competition with the franchise caused TerraBurger to relocate.

"I would think [TerraBurger] would be a difficult concept, personally. It's a pricey proposition to offer all organic items," said Mark Nemir, owner of Dirty Martin's Kum-Bak Place, a restaurant adjacent to Whataburger. "It's a tough marketplace

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Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

The original TerraBurger, located on the Drag, closed Monday because of high operation costs and too little business from college students.



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# APD buyback aims to get guns

By Michael Sherfield  
Daily Texan Staff

For the first time in Central Texas history, the Austin Police Department will offer a "no questions asked" gun buyback program Saturday.

APD will purchase handguns, rifles, shotguns and BB guns without requiring any identification or documentation during the "Guns 4 Groceries" program at the Austin Cornerstone Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Guns that are normally deemed illegal, such as a sawed-off shotgun, will not be bought back and could possibly result in the arrest of the bearer.

"This is not about diminishing second-amendment rights," APD Chief Art Acevedo said at a press conference Wednesday. "It's an opportunity for people that want to get guns out of their homes. Anybody who wants to come to this church, a neutral location, and give back a firearm and get some funding for their family, that's what this is about."

The program is modeled on other programs in larger cities around the country, including Los Angeles, Oakland and Chicago. Acevedo said programs in L.A. have been known to see AK-47 assault rifles returned.

While there will be no questions asked at the time of the buyback, all guns will be tested for ballistics matching those of weapons used in crimes, and an investigation could follow if any of the purchased weapons were used in crimes around the city.

"Once we have the guns, they will be checked for ballistics," Acevedo said. "If they have been used in a drive-by or murder, we [have] to pursue that."

Most guns recovered will be destroyed, with the exception of those that were used in a crime or have historical value.

The Austin buyback was championed by APD Sgt. Ely Reyes in response to the increased homicide, robbery, aggravated assault and burglary rates from 2008 to 2009.

"Due to the increase in violent crimes in Austin and the number of crimes using firearms, we started looking at ways to get guns off the street," he said. "We found several programs across the country that bought back guns for a cash incentive and modeled it after those programs."

The budget, which is around \$8,000, enough for 80 handguns valued at \$100 each, is provided by the Greater Austin Crime Commission.



Patrick Lu | Daily Texan Staff

APD Sgt. Ely Reyes unveils the "Guns 4 Groceries" poster at a press conference held at the Austin Cornerstone Church on Wednesday.

Participants will be given an anonymous debit card with no controls on what the money can be spent on.

"We raise money through our membership every year, and this was one of the allocated expenses. We don't know if we have enough allocated or not, but we'll come back and get more if we have to," said commission president Richard Hill.

Authorities conceded there is no way to gauge the impact of the buyback, or whether removing 80 handguns from the streets of Austin will have an impact on

potential criminal activity.

"You can't measure the success; there's no way to know if these guns would be used in a crime or not," Reyes said. "But one gun can make a dent."

Saturday's buyback is expected to be the first step in an attempt to reduce violence.

"The ultimate goal is to reduce gun violence in the community," Acevedo said. "If this is successful, which we believe that it will be, we hope to find the funding to do it two times a year. We will report back to you on the success or lack of success."

## CUTS: System to refocus on UT research

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and Research and Technology Transfer will bear the brunt of the cuts, with each department losing six full-time jobs. Operations and facilities services will lose two and a half full-time positions, and system administration compliance will lose two full-time positions. A total of 19 positions will be cut and three positions will be added, for a total reduction of 16 positions. The new positions will focus on improving the system's efforts to commercialize system research.

A total of 119 full-time equivalent positions have been eliminated at the UT System, including job losses from the reorganization of the distance learning program and online learning program as well as the merger of the Institute for Public School Initiatives into the College of Education at UT-Austin.

## LIAISON: Discussion between students, leaders key

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captivating, and I think everybody appreciated that. Faculty make or break a course, and they make the difference between a course you want to study for and those you don't. I don't think you can delineate all the "criteria." [The judgment] is individualistic for each one. It can be the best topic in the world, but if you have a horrible teacher, it can be a bad and boring experience. We need to continue to get those instructors. I know that's a broad goal, but I think it's very important.

DT: If you had to choose between advocating on behalf of a professor who was a great educator but did not have the research to match his alternatives and a great researcher who is not a great educator, which would you choose?

KK: I think you need a balance. You can't have all of one or the other. If you don't have the research, then you're not bringing in the money. Part of the university experience is the innovation, the change — and you need that. But if that person is not that good of a teacher, then they're not the

right teachers [for the job of educating our students]. You need to find someone else who can fill that [educational] void. If they're a little less experienced in the research component, so be it. But balance is the key.

DT: Another one of your priorities was "implementing honor codes."

KK: "Implementing honor codes"? I believe that what I meant was giving universities the ability [to implement honor codes if they chose]. When I went to school [at West Point], we had an honor code. I never saw anyone cheat or steal or anything like that. I have a background in [honor codes], and if the schools are interested in it, I can help them pursue that. I don't have a problem with failing a test — I would rather fail a test than lose my integrity because my integrity is so

much more valuable than that. I really learned that living for four years under an honor code.

DT: Would you advocate for certain issues within the UT System, or would you be more of a communicator of student concerns?

KK: I see myself as the voice of the students. If I go out and meet with the administration, it's not because of me [or my opinions] — it's because of my classmates. I'm not going to be using this [position] as a platform to fulfill my own agenda or to do anything like that. It's an honor to be able to represent the students. If I hear students saying, "This [issue] is important to us," then yes, it needs to be brought up.

DT: In the pages of The Daily Texan, the Cactus Cafe is an on-

## BURGER: Costly rent contributed to money issues

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right now. I don't think they had any parking. I would imagine TerraBurger has high food cost and high rent. I can't imagine that a Whataburger is what drove them over the edge."

Ernesto de la Pena, another general manager at TerraBurger, said the high rent on Guadalupe Street was another reason for relocation.

"It's very difficult with the high lease, as the rent is extremely high here. We know we can make money because our north store is making good profits," de la Pena said. "We want to start a franchise someday, and we can't show a store that's losing money; it might scare [investors] off. We're very depressed because we love this store. It was our first store, and we love our customers."

One regular customer shares de la Pena's depression.

"I'm saddened because I love TerraBurger. I mean, if you're going to eat a hamburger, why not eat a TerraBurger?" said Carlye Jane Spann, a hair stylist at the Salon at Saks Fifth Avenue. "It's organic, and you know what's in it and they have good quality of food. [The Guadalupe location] probably wasn't the best place for them."

going issue.

KK: I don't know much about that.

DT: When issues like the Cactus Cafe spring up, what steps would you take to have the voice of the students heard?

KK: Well, I think the most important thing is to communicate with the leadership of the institution. The students did communicate [in that case], and the administration might not have done everything, but they were willing to work with the students and were able to come to some conclusion that seemed to appease most sides [of the issue]. The key is to work at the local level. I don't think it is the regent's job to micromanage every decision.

DT: Budget cuts are another big issue for students.

KK: Cutting the budget while maintaining the great faculty and not price students out [is the key to weighing our priorities]. It's a balance. The budget cuts are coming down from the leadership and the government, and we're going to face some tough cuts because of the economic climate. It's a balance of competing demands. In an ideal world, we could pay for everything, but that's not the economic times we're living in.

## BUDGET: Administrator says next cuts will be tougher to make

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The new statewide 10-percent budget cuts would be added to the 5-percent budget cut previously implemented by UT and other state agencies. According to a letter sent to state agency heads by Legislative Budget Board director John O'Brien, exceptions to the plan include cuts to Medicaid entitlement programs and benefits, health and human services and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Kevin Hegarty, UT's vice president and chief financial officer, said reducing the initial 5 percent was tough, and a 10-percent cut, which amounts to about \$30 million, will be even tougher to make, especially

given the short time between now and when the plan is due. He said he expected discussions on the plan to begin soon.

"Certainly, we would want to have a plan in hand within the next 30 days or so," Hegarty said. "I would be surprised if I didn't see a meeting show up to at least begin initial ideas sometime this week. We want to get going with the possibilities so that we can discuss it with the campus. We all wish we'd known about this sooner because obviously, now, we're in the summertime when all the faculty and the staff aren't necessarily here."

Student Government President Scott Parks said though it is unfortunate that UT must make more cuts, it is still doing better

than other universities.

"It's going to be really tough, but I think if we look around the nation, we're in comparatively better shape," Parks said. "There hasn't been any details released about how the University is going to deal with this 10-percent cut, but I imagine that conversations are going to get a lot more interesting soon."

Jacqueline Dana, vice chair of the Staff Council, said she had not heard about the budget cuts but that the Staff Council will be watching the issue with concern.

"We will be anxiously awaiting news as to how [the budget cuts] will impact campus, and obviously we would be concerned about the impact it will have on staff on campus and the services we pro-

vide — services to students, services to faculty, services to campus facilities," Dana said.

Jonathan Dingwell, a member of the Faculty Council and associate professor of kinesiology and health education, said he was not yet familiar with the details of the governor's proposal but that it was unfortunate that there was no warning of the cuts before they were announced publicly.

"Some of the concerns have been that these cuts have been announced at the governor's level, and then suddenly, everything has to be implemented right away," Dingwell said. "There's really no time for colleges and departments to figure out how best to implement [the cuts]."

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**By Lauren Winchester**  
Editor-in-chief

The Texan is back.

It's been a short two-week hiatus since our last issue hit the stands, but now summer publication is in full swing. Student journalists are scurrying around our humble office, making calls, tapping away at their keyboards and basking in the ethereal, LED glow of the iMac.

Here in the editorial office, we're huddled in a circle, brainstorming content for the opinion page, our Twitter (@DTeditorial) and the upcoming blog. We want to bring you local, relevant opinions every day — and we want feedback. Pick up the Texan and engage with us as we discuss the most important issues on campus and in Austin. Don't be shy; this newspaper is

your forum — write a Firing Line, a guest column or an online comment.

On this page (and online), we'll weigh in on budget cuts, Student Government reform and the upcoming gubernatorial race. Despite our occasional goofiness and sarcasm, we take our work — and the Texan — seriously.

The Texan has a long and distinguished history: The first issue was published Oct. 8, 1900, only 17 years after the birth of UT. The paper has grown from a weekly, four-page paper into a thriving daily with a staff of more than 200 students. It's survived through world wars, funding feuds and threats of censorship to become one of the most revered college publications in the nation. The paper's legacy has cast an imposing shadow, but I'm excited to serve as the 2010-2011 Daily Texan editor-in-chief, and I hope to continue building on the impressive reputation of the Texan.

*Winchester is an English senior.*

## GALLERY



**By Heath Cleveland**  
Associate editor

I am a senior double-majoring in rhetoric and writing and mathematics. This isn't my first time appearing on the op-ed page or The Daily Texan staff list. I started here as a columnist shortly before my sophomore year and worked later as a copy editor. I'm very excited to be back and cannot wait to get started.

Outside of the Texan, I volunteer quite a bit. In the past, I worked as a food pantry director at the UT-affiliated nonprofit Eastside Community Connection, and I'm currently working with several profes-

sors to create an online management database for nonprofits that provide emergency food services to those in need. I'm very passionate about community awareness and social justice. This summer, expect to see me discuss everything from accommodation of handicapped students to legislative rights violations.

Unfortunately, I won't be starting at the Texan for another week. Right now, I'm in Turkey on behalf of the Student Consulting International Organization with nine other UT students helping impoverished rural farmers to generate more sustainable incomes. I won't be able to contribute to the first few summer issues, but I promise to help make this op-ed page something to look forward to.

*Cleveland is a mathematics and rhetoric and writing senior.*



**By Douglas Luippold**  
Associate editor

I am a senior from Carrollton, a Dallas suburb, double-majoring in government and multimedia journalism. I have worked for the Texan as a columnist since last summer, and this is my first semester to work as an associate editor.

I am interested in writing about campus organizations such as Student Government, the complex relationship between the student body and the University administration and student life

in general.

When I'm not opining about important campus issues, I editorialize about the ways new media can be integrated with local government and traditional journalism.

I'm also an advocate for equal rights and free speech, as well as exposing how Texas is not nearly as Republican and "red" as we are led to believe.

Prior to working with The Daily Texan, I was very active in local Democratic politics through volunteering with local campaigns and working at the state Capitol. With the midterm elections approaching, I plan to write about issues directly and concretely im-

pacting students, such as tuition rates and health care — while resisting the indulgent speculation about the election process that characterizes most political journalism.

Because the campus runs at a slightly slower pace over the summer, I will also write about issues impacting the incoming freshman class, which has arrived at UT for summer classes and orientation. I hope to introduce them to the University and help make their transition into college life smoother and more enjoyable.

*Luippold is a government and multimedia journalism senior.*



**By Dan Treadway**  
Associate editor

With this sentence, I have now been writing for The Daily Texan for four years. I started off as a columnist in the fall semester of 2007 and began working as an associate editor this past fall. My hopes of growing up to be a dinosaur were sadly thwarted during my first advising session at UT, so I am now relying on my participation with The Daily Texan to bring me fame and fortune.

I've written about several topics during my time with the Texan, ranging from universal health care to a plea for the government to produce more Hannah Montana in order to stabilize the economy. Throughout the summer I hope to provide you with content that

is at best, thought-provoking, and at worst, about my disdain for peas.

In my free time I'm a recreational Canadian who dabbles in wearing novelty T-shirts. I'm also the sentimental type that will likely keep this clipping and reflect on it fondly in two weeks. My strengths include verbs, catchphrases and trivia relating to the 1992-93 Toronto Blue Jays. My weaknesses include Amy's Ice Creams, Bob Barker and the bench press.

To conclude, the most important thing about me is that my least favorite phrase is "What starts here changes the world." I don't care what criticism you have about this newspaper or me, but please, as a personal favor to this publication, do not include this tired, commercialized and flat, overused phrase in your Firing Lines or guest columns. Thank you.

*Treadway is a political communications senior.*



**By Dave Player**  
Associate editor

I've worked as a columnist at the Texan for the past four semesters. I am a Plan II and history senior from Dallas. I am also the past president of the club wrestling team, a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Sports Club council and the Student Organization Safety Board.

As a freshman, my first experience with the paper was stealing 2,000 copies out of newsstands around campus so we could make a life-size, papier-mache igloo for a party. As a columnist, I always tried to focus on campus and city issues that

were pertinent to the lives of students.

I want to make sure the Texan remains an effective vessel of the student voice through covering budgetary issues and campus political groups and reviewing University policies.

As for my personal views, I think going to Longhorn football games is more useful toward understanding our state and its people than any class the University offers.

I think that people who bash the Greek system tend to be lazy, ignorant or misinformed.

I think that lefties are cooler than righties, that blogging is a danger to society and that the Texas Rangers will win the World Series before I die.

I think that if you go to Block-

buster and order Domino's, you're betraying the spirit of Austin. Go to Conan's and Vulcan Video; they're just as close, but they're a thousand times better.

Lastly, I think everyone should have to make that 2 a.m. walk home from Sixth Street at least once to have a complete education.

I am currently working on my undergraduate thesis, which consists of conducting case studies of the business models of Texas microbreweries.

If you have any further questions about my editorial views, you're likely to find me at Cuatros for the next month watching the World Cup. 'Merica.

*Player is a Plan II and history senior.*

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Courtesy of Voxtro

Voxtro, an indie-pop band based in Austin, will play its last show in Austin tonight at Emo's. Lead singer Ramesh Srivastava announced the band's breakup in late April, stating that Voxtro's path was "one of long, simmering build, explosion and almost instantaneous decay."

# Voxtro waltzes off music scene

By Francisco Marin  
Daily Texan Staff

After nearly a decade of crafting some of Austin's most beloved indie-pop gems, Voxtro is calling it quits.

The news came as an unexpected shock to fans of the band, whose lead singer, Ramesh Srivastava, announced the breakup in a long letter to fans in late April. As a consolation prize, the band is going on one last tour entitled "Goodbye, Cruel World," and is making a pit stop in its hometown tonight with Cry Blood Apache and Interna-

tional Waters.

"The career path of Voxtro was truly one of long, simmering build, explosion and almost instantaneous decay," an introspective Srivastava said in the letter, which is available to read at voxtro.net. "Slowly, I am learning to replace any feelings of regret with positive memories of how amazing the whole thing was, and how it has, in an unexpected way, fortified my character."

What's interesting to note about the closing chapter of the Voxtro story is that though the band will cease to exist as such, the former members continue to make and perform music. Former member Jared Van Fleet has Sparrow House; Mitch Calvert fronts International Waters; Matt Simon and Jason Chronis are both in Belaire and The Black; and Chronis also plays in JC & Co. And Srivastava is currently working on a solo record, as well.

"There's a million bands in Austin, and everyone really supports their friends' musical projects, you know," said Ryan Hall, Voxtro's tour manager and member of International Waters. "I feel like the cool thing about Austin is, it still seems to me like a small town that has the amenities of a much larger city. Obviously, I'm interested in art and music, especially my friends' music, and I think that's a special

aspect of Austin, how the small-town feeling manifests itself in a city that feels bigger than it actually is."

Hall said that Voxtro's final tour has been well-received so far.

"It's been fantastic — lots of enthusiastic kids wanting T-shirts and records," Hall said with optimism in his voice. "It seems like everyone was really excited. The kids were nice and really friendly, and there were a lot of people screaming, 'Please don't break up!' during a couple of the shows."

Hall and Calvert's new project, International Waters, on the other hand, is just beginning to see some of the same success that typified Voxtro's early years. Their brand of jangly, charismatic indie-pop is a foil to Voxtro's contemplative, Smiths-like lyricism, but all the essential elements are still there: mainstream accessibility, a strong local network of proponents and, of course, the beauty of the music itself.

"[International Waters] got a good response in [Los Angeles] and San Francisco," Hall said. "I was surprised in El Paso, too. Everyone was so friendly, and I've never seen anything like it with anyone except Voxtro. People like our guitars, it seems. They come up to us after the show and ask us why our guitars sound so

**WHAT:** Voxtro with Cry Blood Apache and International Waters

**WHERE:** Emo's

**WHEN:** Tonight at 9

**TICKETS:** \$12 advance; \$15 at the door

good."

Hall said that he and Calvert decided to form the band while touring with Voxtro after discovering their mutual affinities for the same kinds of music — '80s Britpop, post-punk and late '60s psychedelia. Since then, the band has released a 7-inch and a 10-inch EP, and is currently finishing its second tour.

For now, though, the spotlight seems to be on Voxtro. The band asserted that it would play a lot of older songs from its halcyon days, namely the first three EPs that jumpstarted Voxtro's national popularity.

"I'm just really happy that Voxtro shows have been going along for this many years, and I'm glad I could be a part of it. I thought it was special and really felt a part of something amazing," Hall said, reflecting on his years with the band. "It's not ending; it's just changed. I'm glad to have been part of the whole thing."

# Magazine writer explores the 'Utopia' of tiny towns

By Kate Ergenbright  
Daily Texan Staff

Depending on who you talk to, small-town America can either be a quaint and authentic portrait of real American life or a suffocating trap.

In 2006, Karen Valby, a senior writer at Entertainment Weekly, was asked by her editor to find a small town far removed from the effects of popular culture. A former classmate of Valby's suggested Utopia, located 90 miles west of San Antonio and 60 miles from any movie theaters, book or music stores.

In "Welcome to Utopia: Notes From a Small Town," Valby follows the lives of four strikingly different Utopians and their experience living in a town with about 1,000 residents. Valby found that as much as the Utopians try to resist it, popular culture is becoming part of their daily lives with the increasing popularity of Facebook and cable television. She explains this is not necessarily a bad thing, and that more exposure to pop culture can foster awareness and tolerance.

"I think messages of tolerance or a different way of living are always a beautiful thing to show to kids," Valby said. "But at the same time, as the world opens up to Utopia, some of Utopia's really rich flavor leaks out. I think that's something to mourn as well. Progress is tricky. There is nothing simple about change; it's complicated just like everything real is complicated."

Although the stereotypes about small towns are endless, Valby did not begin her project with visions of cowboy hats and chili cook-offs.

"I think the benefit I had going for me was that I didn't begin the project expecting to find something in particular, so it allowed me to be really open to the experience," Valby said. "I mean, honestly, I just went in, expressed ignorance and interest and together, that was a pretty powerful combination."

One challenge Valby encountered while immersing herself in

the culture of Utopia was dealing with the occasional intolerant comment from the town's "old-timers," a group of older men, many of whom had lived in Utopia their entire lives.

"Their language hasn't necessarily evolved, and they're pretty reflexively racist, even though they wouldn't own that. I remember one time, I mentioned that my stepmother is black, and one of the guys was like, 'You weren't raised by her, were ya?' He was just struck dumb by the notion," Valby said.

Valby notes that "Welcome to Utopia" required a different set of reporting skills than those typically used at Entertainment Weekly.

"It was a different kind of reporting than I'm used to, which is, you're going to meet this movie star at this time, at this restaurant, on an agreed-upon 90 minutes. This was so intimate, and I was really in these people's private lives, so it was all new muscles to stretch," Valby said.

While working on the book, Valby moved with her husband to Austin, and she now calls Texas home.

"I felt very comfortable in Utopia, and in some ways more comfortable than in my life in New York. It's probably no surprise that I now live in Texas. I think there is something about the personality of Texas that is authentic and unique," Valby said.

Valby remains in contact with many of the book's characters and anxiously awaits their thoughts on the finished product.

"I hope they think that the same person that spent time with them is the person that wrote the book," Valby said. "I hope they recognize the town, I hope they recognize themselves and beyond that, I'm trying to not have any expectations of how they feel because I imagine it's all going to be [an] individual and shifting experience."

Karen Valby will be appearing at Book People at 7 tonight.



Karen Valby, a senior writer at Entertainment Weekly, is the author of "Welcome to Utopia: Notes From a Small Town," which examines the life of four residents of Utopia, a town in Central Texas.

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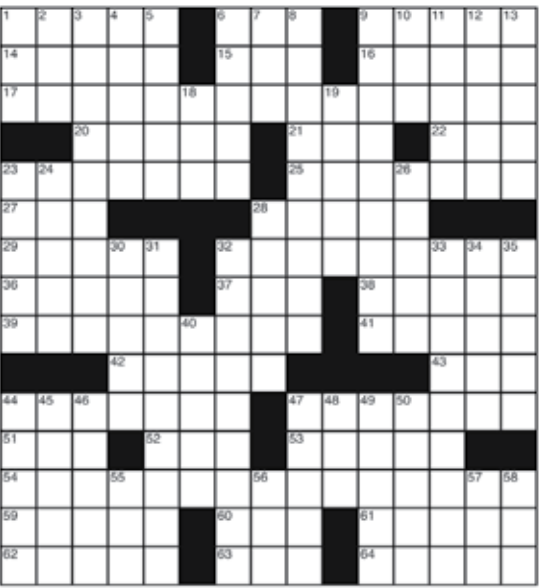


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0429

- Across**
- 1 Rattlebrains
  - 6 Winter hours in Colo.
  - 9 Fix, in a way
  - 14 Stiff-backed
  - 15 "Every day \_\_\_\_ new day"
  - 16 Clear
  - 17 With 37- and 54-Across, curious property of this crossword
  - 20 "Whether \_\_\_\_"
  - 21 Common item in a purse
  - 22 Mellow, say
  - 23 King with a statue in Trafalgar Square
  - 25 Imitates a penguin
  - 27 It may actually be a hunch
  - 28 "Interest paid on trouble before it falls due," per W. R. Inge
  - 29 What hawks do
  - 32 Asian spiritual guide
  - 36 "Jerusalem Delivered" poet
  - 37 See 17-Across
  - 38 Nail's partner
  - 39 Enter surreptitiously
  - 41 Dictionary listing
  - 42 Lizard that chirps
  - 43 Something that may be let out
  - 44 Actress Harper
  - 47 Quiet
  - 51 "\_\_\_\_ fancy you consult, consult your purse": Benjamin Franklin
  - 52 Foundation
  - 53 Hold over the fire, say
  - 54 See 17-Across
  - 59 W.W. II blockade enforcer
  - 60 Hagen with three Tonys
  - 61 Salon supply
  - 62 Smooths
  - 63 Some sports scores, briefly
  - 64 U.S. term for a British "saloon"
- Down**
- 1 Subpar grade
  - 2 60 minuti
  - 3 Rot
  - 4 Autumn shade
  - 5 Maurice of Nixon's cabinet
  - 6 Peruvian volcano El \_\_\_\_
  - 7 Dir. from Paris to Bordeaux
  - 8 Olympic sport since 2000
  - 9 Parch
  - 10 Procter & Gamble's first liquid laundry detergent
  - 11 \_\_\_\_ metabolism
  - 12 Dictionary topic
  - 13 Code carriers
  - 18 "\_\_\_\_ did not!"
  - 19 Abrogate a peace treaty, maybe
  - 23 Isn't serious
  - 24 City on the Nile
  - 26 Big name in vacuum cleaners
  - 28 Conjoined with
  - 30 County name in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma
  - 31 Pot contents
  - 32 Totally beat



Puzzle by David J.W. Simpson

- 33 For the reason stated
- 34 French beings
- 35 Gun, for one
- 40 Less welcoming
- 44 Mythological subject for Titian and Botticelli
- 45 One of the ABC islands
- 46 It may be found often in a shop
- 47 Mini-section of an almanac
- 48 Who wrote "I was never kinder to the old man than during the whole week before I killed him"
- 49 Walks
- 50 First name in perfume
- 55 Misbehaving
- 56 Busy co. on Mother's Day
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LA Dodgers 1

Philadelphia 1  
Atlanta 2

Washington 1  
Houston 5

Cincinnati 1  
St. Louis 4

Milwaukee 7  
Florida 4

NY Mets 1  
San Diego 5

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Texas women's golf finishes 16th at national championship

Last year, three Longhorn seniors carried the team to a 23rd-place finish at the NCAA Championships. This year, three freshmen took the team a little bit higher. The Horns finished their season with a 16th-place showing at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships in Wilmington, N.C., on May 21. The tournament marked the best finish for the Longhorns under head coach Martha Richards. Freshman Haley Stephens, coming off a career-best third-place finish at regionals, continued her strong play and led the Longhorns with a four-round score of 6-over-par 294 to tie for 33rd. Freshman Madison Pres-sel carded a 13-over-par 301 to finish tied for 67th, while freshman De-siree Dubreuil and sophomore Ni-cole Vandermade fired four-round scores of 14-over-par 302 to finish tied for 76th. Senior Shannon Fish, playing in her third championship tournament, carded a 15-over-par 303 to cap off an illustrious tenure with the Horns with an 82nd-place finish. Overall, the Longhorns — who came into the tournament ranked 29th — marked the team's best finish since 2004. The team will return four of the five golfers on the championship roster, along with stand-out freshman Katelyn Sepmore. "It's been a year that we should be very pleased with, and a great one to build on for the future," Richards said. "I'm very excited with what I saw and the future of this program." — Shabab Siddiqui

Longhorns drop to 17th place on second day of tournament

On Tuesday at The Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tenn., senior Lance Lopez led the way for the Horns with a 3-under-par 69 that was good for third place, individually. As a team, Texas finished the opening round tied for 10th in the 30-team field, compiling a 2-over-par 290 highlighted by Lopez's streak of birdies and sophomore Dylan Frittelli's even-par round. Wednesday, however, didn't bode as well for the Horns, as they fell into a tie for 17th place with LSU and UNLV after firing an 8-over 296 as a team. Hudson carded the best 18-hole score in round two for the Longhorns, shooting a 2-under 70 to pace the team. Texas is guaranteed a third round of play, but must finish among the top eight teams in order to advance to match play and a chance at the national title. The Horns need stronger performances from standout freshman Cody Gribble and senior Charlie Holland in order to get back to the final rounds of the NCAA Championship. A key aspect of play to watch will be the team's short game, an essential measuring stick for collegiate teams at windy courses like Chattanooga. — Andy Lutz

Spring seasons end early for Texas

WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Krista Damico and the other Longhorn tennis players lost to Baylor in the NCAA tournament.

Texas exits NCAA tournament after loss to Big 12 opponent in the Round of 16

By Alexandra Carreno  
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During the conference season, Texas suffered two disappointing losses to Baylor, one in March and one in the finals of the Big 12 Championship in early May. As fate would have it, the two Big 12 foes met in the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16 in Athens, Ga. Unfortunately for the Longhorns, they fell yet again to the Bears, ending an impressive season. "We had our game plan. Unfortunately, we didn't execute at the positions we needed to," head coach Patty Fendick-McCain said. "They just outplayed us." Some of the Longhorns were honored before the tournament. Senior Vanja Corovic, sophomore Krista Damico and freshman Aerial Ellis all earned Big 12 postseason honors. Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional awards were also handed out to Ellis, senior Sarah Lancaster and assistant coach Darija Klaic. With an overall record of 32-12, Ellis was honored as the Big 12 Freshman of the Year, was tabbed as the ITA Texas Region Rookie of the Year and was offered a berth in the singles draw of the NCAA Tournament. In the team portion of the NCAA Tournament, Texas shut out its first two opponents, Wichita State and Arkansas, by a count of 4-0 to advance to the third round. But to advance deeper in the tournament, Texas would have to overcome Baylor. The Longhorns came out firing, but upon surrendering the doubles point, any confidence and momentum Texas players had quickly vanished and the Bears wasted no time forcing Texas into a deep hole. The Bears won the first set in five of six singles matches. Baylor swept the first, second and fourth spot singles matches with a trio of 2-0 wins. "We were ready to play," Baylor head coach Joey Scrivano said. "We just executed at a high level, and our doubles momentum carried over to singles." Ellis, who qualified for the individual singles championship, had her season continue for a brief while before falling to Laura Vallverdu of Miami 6-2, 6-2. Ellis became the first Longhorn to earn a singles berth since Corovic did in 2007. "We had a long season and started off a little bumpy, but we overcame a lot," Fendick-McCain said. "We got ourselves in a position to be in the No. 16 spot [of the NCAA Tournament]. For us as a program, that's something we're going to continue to build on and keep pushing forward."

MEN'S TENNIS



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Seniors Josh Zavala and Dimitar Kutrovsky were eliminated in the doubles' Round of 16.

Texas bows out against Sooners; Kutrovsky wins school-record 230th match at NAAs

By Dan Hurwitz  
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The Red River rival Oklahoma Sooners upset No. 3 Texas in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament on May 22 in Athens, Ga., ending the Longhorns' season. Texas dominated the Sooners during the regular season in a 6-1 win on March 28 but was unable to get past its Big 12 rival when it counted most. "For some reason, we just couldn't get it going," head coach Michael Center said. "I've have not seen that all year long." The Longhorns swept all three doubles matches, but were only able to get wins in singles from Dimitar Kutrovsky and Josh Zavala. Kellen Damico, Jean Andersen and Vasko Mladenov had all beaten their opponents in the regular season, but were unable to come up with the big win as the Longhorns lacked the intensity which they had all season. Andersen lost his match in heartbreaking fashion — falling in two tiebreakers against Oklahoma's David Pultr. "Every time we had a chance to put pressure on them and gain momentum, we couldn't do it," Center said. "We lost tiebreakers, and we just could not get any momentum." Ed Corrie, Kutrovsky and Zavala all continued play in the individual championships following the team's elimination. In singles, Kutrovsky advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Louisville's Austin Childs. In the midst of his journey at the NCAA, Kutrovsky became Texas' all-time winningest player with 230 combined victories in singles and doubles. "It's a tremendous accomplishment on his part. We've been blessed to have Dimi at Texas," Center said. "I'm just happy I was able to utilize my time here and perform and take advantage of everything we have at Texas," Kutrovsky said. The record-setting win came in doubles with Zavala in the Round of 32, but they lost in the next round. Corrie fell in the opening round, ending his season against Kentucky's Eric Quigley 7-5, 6-4.

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Texas head coach

Horns lose three games at Big 12 Tournament

By Austin Ries  
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Head coach Augie Garrido said it best after Texas' 9-3 tournament loss to Texas A&M on Sunday in Oklahoma City. "Even the lion will pass up a kill if it just ate," Garrido said. "Maybe we came in here with some of that." Whatever it was, the Horns, who were nearly perfect in Big 12 regular-season play, couldn't pull out even one win in the Big 12 Tournament, dropping all three games. Going into the tournament, the Horns had won 28 of 29 conference games, cruising to their sixth-ever Big 12 regular-season title and the second in a row. The conference tournament was another story. With the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Texas dropped its first game 7-3 to No. 8 seed Missouri, marking the seventh time a No. 8 seed beat a No. 1 seed on the first day of the conference tournament. "We got outpitched. We got outplayed. We got outplayed defensively. They got timely hitting," Garrido said. "We got beat."

Texas starting pitcher Hoby Milner lost control in the third inning, and the Tigers pounced. "It was one of those days," Milner said. "I guess I was a little nervous. But I think it was more that I just didn't have it." Errors also plagued the Horns with a pair of throwing errors from Kevin Lusson and Jordan Etier, who played shortstop in all three games while Brandon Loy sat out to rest his left shoulder. Struggles continued for the Horns during the second game with a 4-2 loss against Texas Tech, the only team to beat Texas twice this season. Again, the Horns couldn't overcome a pair of in-field errors and two home runs from Barrett Barnes, the Big 12 Freshman of the Year. The Aggies completed the sweep Saturday, pounding Texas starter Cole Green for seven runs on nine hits in four innings. "A&M came to work," Green said. "I got ahead on just about everybody. But my fastball, I got under it." Saturday's loss marks Texas' longest losing streak of the year. The Longhorns hadn't lost consecutive games since Feb. 20-21 against New Mexico. But with regional round of the



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Cole Green and the Longhorns went 0-3 at the Big 12 Tournament but will look ahead to nationals.

NCAA tournament starting Friday, the Horns know what's important. "We're fine," Green said. "We're going to get rid of this because it's over. We're going to go back to work this week at practice."